

to develop the ground water management plan that is not going to be sufficient in the eyes of some judge sitting out somewhere in some area in a lawsuit brought by just one landowner inside of a proposed management area who may object, who may not want ground water controls imposed and may want to continue his irrigation at the current level, may not want any government interference whatsoever in his ability to use the water underneath his land and will take an NRD to court and can tie the NRD's efforts to create a management area up in court for two or three years. Now the purpose of this amendment is simply to say that these shall not be subject to litigation, that nobody can challenge the adequacy of a management plan in the courts, that whatever the NRD does is acceptable and there will be no recourse in the courts and, of course, the purpose of that is to permit the NRDs, if they want to, if the Boards of Directors want to, to go ahead and proceed to set up a management area without having to litigate it every time it comes around. So I think this is a reasonable amendment. And you know, Senator Schmit has teased me previously about bills being lawyer relief acts. Well, believe me, LB 375 if passed in this current form in my opinion will be one of the major lawyer relief acts that we are going to pass this session, and this is an attempt to make it not a lawyer's relief act but to say that some of these things can't be litigated, that if an NRD wants to set up a management area, they can go ahead and do it without having to justify it in the courts for a one, two or three year period. Now I know that Senator Kremer has expressed concern about this aspect of the bill previously. I am interested in his views and would be pleased to attempt to answer questions any of you might have about this proposal.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, is this amendment in the Journal?

PRESIDENT: It is not.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, could somebody read the amendment to me and I am going to try to prove a point here shortly and I think I can.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, can somebody read the amendment for Senator DeCamp.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Now listen to this.